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Dear Mr. Albano:

This is in reference to the Agency Action Report which you submitted for endangered species information associated with a project in Peoria and Tazewell Counties. Thank you for providing the maps with the 4-mile radius delineated. This greatly facilitates the review process.

There are two Illinois Natural Area Inventory sites located within the 4-mile radius. St. Mary's Cemetery is a glacial drift hill prairie located on a steep overlook above Horseshoe Bottom at Peoria. Rocky Glen Natural Area is a deep bedrock valley with scenic bluffs and waterfalls. This natural area also contains high quality forest on the steep slopes and several high quality hill prairies on the exposed blufftops. No endangered or threatened species are known to exist at either site. The boundaries have been delineated on the enclosed map.

The Worley Lake Heron Rookery Colony is also located within the 4-mile radius. This rookery provides breeding habitat for two state endangered bird species. In addition, there is a location of a state endangered bird species one mile southeast of Bartonville. The boundaries of the rookery and the general locations of the bird species have been delineated on the enclosed map.

Please be aware that the Natural Heritage Database cannot provide a conclusive statement on the presence, absence, or condition of significant natural features in any part of Illinois. The reports only summarize the existing information regarding the natural features or the locations in question known to the Division of Natural Heritage at the time of the request. The reports should never be regarded as final statements on the site being considered, nor should they be a substitute for field surveys required for environmental assessments.

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I cannot charge you for the search of our database, but I would like to urge your support of the Illinois Natural Heritage Database by contributing to the Illinois Nongame Wildlife Conservation Fund. The recommended donation for a standard information request is \$30.00. Such contributions may be mailed to the above address. We appreciate your support of this important source of information.

If you need additional information or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 217-785-8290.

Sincerely, Deanna Alose

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